Dear Steve and Maggie,

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I'll be brief, for I regard this of possibly crucial importance, therefore make a special trip to town in an effort to get it in tonight's mail and save a day. Your descriptions of Phillippe may not be all you can do.

I am ticketed to New Orleans for Wednesday. I may have to delay it if there is an argument on the subpenaeing of the pictures and X-rays, which may be tentatively set for Friday, 1/17. Fensterwald says he wants me in DC for that. I have appointments in New Orleans the same day, so I do not know.

Running the people you know of and/or get through the usual directories, like the French equivalent of Who's Who, industry directories (remember Herve, aside from his oil career, was also editor-publisher of a French fashion magazine, "Mademoiselle"! It is not only impossible for me to do this now, but I have forgotten the little French I learned so many years ago. This kind of source material should be available, if not in the public library, in those of the colleges. Possibly, without indicating the purpose, you might get other members of the once-Committee to help. If you find anything, please send me photocopies and identification of the source and translations, copy here in case I am delayed and original to New Orleans, where it might be of value should this ploy be used as an appeal for a mistrial. Maybe we can again apply some intellectual judo?

If you find anything that should be checked through petroleum-industry sources, I think I can now do that. There will be enormous confusion in New Orleans and I am really snowed under here (and my new supply of 3M paper hasn't arrived). Therefore, if at all possible, I'd like an extra copy each piece of anything of this character.

One young man out there who just might help has been sending me some pretty good stuff. He is David Fitch. I think he is in high school. One of his peers has been among my better helpers. Ask him, if you think he can, please. His address is 17536 Gilmore, Van Nuys. I do not think he will doubt you, if you do not know him, but if he does and you tell him he has just sent me a copy of a Congressional hearing, postmarked January 5 and delayed by insufficient postage and using the old number of my rural route, 7, rather than the new one, 8, I think he'll know. He seems to know his way through standard references very well. What he doesn't know is postage rates. His last five mailings have had insufficient postage.

I do not have the clearest recollection of Topaz, cannot now find my copy, didn't think of this when I was in Washington today (which accounts for my being late), and will not now be able to get one at least until I am in N.O. Therefore, if you think me wrong or can amplify my supposition, please do so. Maggie indicated she had something she feared sending me. I do think the danger may be greater in my not having it than in its being intercepted. We really must be as ready as we can for this surfacing in court. Please do not delay anything you send to New Orleans by using a drop. My directly-addressed mail has been getting through promptly. I have already established a connection that may be vital if this does come up. This is one reason it is so urgent for the other Steve to come across with everyone he has seen with anyone connected with that operation, anywhere, including the U.S.

It was after darxxxxxx when I got back from DC. I have a notice of a registered package from Beverly Hills I have been expecting one from each of two different people. If this is from Maggie, she knows now it may have arrived. The number is 920218. Hurriedly,

Harold